

[Richardson, Charles R.]

C. R. Richardson, Retired Mortician, Leading Mason, Dies

MIDDLEPORT—A former funeral director here, Charles R. Richardson, 89, died this morning (Oct. 7, 1960) in Medina Memorial Hospital. He had been a patient there for 10 days.

Mr. Richardson was born April 23, 1871, in the Town of Royalton, and had resided in this vicinity all his life. He was the first president of the Niagara County Funeral Directors' Assn. and was a funeral director here from 1900 to Jan. 1, 1946 when he retired.

He was a past master and a 60-year member of Cataract Lodge, 295, F & AM, and was chairman of the Building Committee of the present Masonic Temple, Main St. Mr. Richardson was treasurer of the lodge for 40 years.

He was a member of Medina Chapter, 281, Genesee Commandery 10, Knights Templars, and of Ishmailia Temple Shrine in Buffalo. He was also a charter member of the Middleport Savings & Loan Association and had been its treasurer since 1922. Mr. Richardson attended [and was a member of] the First Universalist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Florence Garland Richardson; two grandchildren, [Mrs. Theodore Schoonover and John Pickett], both of Albion; and four great-grandchildren. His only daughter, Mrs. Gladys Pickett, died about 30 years ago.

Friends may call at the Wallace and Heath Funeral Home, State St., from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow, where services will be held at 2 Sunday. The Rev. Charles J. Wood [of the Universalist Church] and Rev. Alfred Underhill [of the Methodist Church] will officiate.

Burial will be in Royalton Mountain Ridge Cemetery. Cataract Lodge 295 will hold Masonic services at 8 tomorrow evening in the funeral home.

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